

WINGS ACROSS AMERICA PRESENTS

Fly Girls

OF
WORLD
WAR II





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Frances Roosevelt
FRANCES ROOSEVELT
SEPTEMBER 1, 1942

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J.H.D. Doolittle
GENERAL JAMES H. DOOLITTLE, USAF, RET.
JULY 21, 1993

Wage Across America's
VISUAL HISTORY
OF THE
WASP

During the early months of World War II, there was a critical shortage of combat pilots. Inaugurated in 1941, the Army Air Corps' Central Postal Directory, established in 1942, and the Army Air Corps' Central Postal Directory, established in 1942, were the first of many organizations that provided essential services to the military. Being recognized as the first, which would later be followed by others.

Over 1000 women pilots applied for the program. Only 1500 were accepted, but only 1000 were accepted and sent to the WASP training camp at Tuskegee Army Airfield, Tuskegee, Alabama. The first group of 1000 WASP pilots graduated in August 1945.

The WASP program changed the role of women in military.



"You and more than 900 of your sisters have shown that you can fly wingtip to wingtip with your brothers. I salute you and all WASP. We of the Army Air Force are proud of you. We will never forget our debt to you."

H. H. Arnold
HENRY H. HAY ARNOLD
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCE
DECEMBER 7, 1944

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WASP Class 43W-4

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Marie Mountain Clark
WASP Class 44W-1

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J. Edgar Hoover

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 26, 1945

"I have the utmost respect for all members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. They were hard working, dedicated pilots who served our country well, playing an important part during the war."

Charles E. Spurgeon

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MARCH 26, 1995

"You and more than 900 of your sisters have shown
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W. Averell Harrington
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION
MAY 26, 1945

With Subsequent History
1945-1948 ASIA





ANY NATION THAT DOES NOT HONOR ITS HEROES WILL NOT LONG ENDURE.

A. Lincoln
ABRAHAM LINCOLN



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Frances S. Gandy
Executive Director
1945-1946



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one step ahead of the enemy."
John F. Kennedy
1961





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SERVICE PILOTS WW II

AMERICA'S MILITARY AIRCRAFT



NAZI RAIDER VICTIM'S STORY

NORSE SAILOR TELLS OF TRIP IN CELL ABOARD PRISON SHIP

Held Captive on Vessel With 300 Men, Women, Children Captured in Sea Forays

(This is the dramatic story of First Officer David Knudsen, whose courage typifies the spirit of rebellion against Nazi oppression, which today sweeps across Europe from Holland to Norway, his homeland.)

Here for the first time he tells how his Norwegian ship was sunk by the raider and how he sailed the ocean—a prisoner aboard a Nazi seewolf—and finally his escape.)

BY FIRST OFFICER DAVID KNUDSEN

as told by JAMES D. HOBAN, CHICAGO, ILL., The Chicago Herald-American.

NEW YORK, May 28.—It was a strange awakening for me the day my ship was captured by the Nazi raider.

I was thrown into compartments by the rail-lifts of machines making the ship from stern to stern.

PLANE BAKER SHIP. "What is—" I started to ask. One pilot "glared" and pointed to the sea.

The plane started its engine lower and lower. Before we reached us she opened all her guns.

It got going fast. The ship began to lurch over the helms. The captain ordered the engines stopped. Absolutely silent we held our breath.

The carrier kept sailing in the face of the machine, were prepared by the captain and one had to be abandoned.

The raider came in at full steam and in a few minutes was completely the German ship.

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Nazi Looting All Dutch Timber

LONDON, May 28.—(UPI)—German troops for the first time have taken a full cargo of timber from the Dutch coast.

The timber, which has been looted from the Dutch coast, is being taken to Germany.

Walks Three Miles With Dead Baby

PARKERSVILLE, N. Y., May 28.—(UPI)—A woman who carried a dead baby for three miles to a hospital.

The woman, who was carrying the baby, was found by a nurse at the hospital.

CURE FOR BEEFING Plant Tries Gripe Box

See here what is written about the cure for beefing.

Herald American

CHICAGO SUNDAY MAY 30, 1943

In the PICTORIAL REVIEW MacArthur Asks More Planes—3 Pages Dogs of War—2 Pages

WOMEN DEFY DEATH TO FERRY PLANES



Spring graduates of College of Daughters. The thirty members of the Women's Auxiliary of the AAF Ferry Command, they are ferrying planes all over U. S. routes.

NORSE BATTLE NAZIS' DRAFT

NEW YORK, May 28.—(UPI)—Norwegian patriots set for the Oslo Labor Movement, the Quisling government's draft board, in person against the Quisling draft, for an attempt to draft all patriots.

The draft, which the Norwegian government is using as a pretext to bring about a state of war with the United States, is being opposed by the patriots.



She (Dobson) stands to take orders from the pilot, then, as she prepares to land them on a ferry flying field, U. S. Army photo.

WIN DIPLOMAS OF DANGER TO AID AIR CORPS

Trainees, Recruited From Civilian Firms, Include Many of Best-Known Pilots.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Whether its way over the air routes of America today is the vanguard of a new women's auxiliary air force charged with the vital duty of ferrying war planes from factory to field.

Included are some of the nation's best expert aviators.

These women are now being trained in the Army Air Corps.

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SHOE HOARDERS Report Nazis FACE OPA CURB Build East Wall

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(UPI)—The OPA has ordered shoe hoarders to report their stockpiles.

The OPA is also ordering the construction of a wall in the East.

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**AMERICAN
CAMPAIGN MEDAL**
Awarded to WASP
who had served at least one year



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VICTORY MEDAL**
Awarded to all WASP

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WASP WINGS



A pair of silver WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) wings was awarded to each of the 1074 women pilots upon her graduation from the AAF flying training program and to the 28 WAFS (Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Service) when they were incorporated into the WASP. The history of these unique pilot wings echoes the pioneering WASP history and symbolizes their triumph over adversity.

Even though the women pilots had taken the same 'oath' to serve their country and had successfully completed the same flight training program as the male pilots, originally the Army Air Force only granted AAF pilot

wings to the male pilots, but refused to grant AAF pilot wings to the women pilots. Knowing how important winning their wings was to the young women, Jacqueline Cochran paid for pilot wings for every graduate in classes 43-W-1 through 43-W-7.

Pilot wings varied widely for classes completing training in 1943. In 1944 the official WASP wings were designed and awarded to all WASP graduates, including classes 44-W-1 through 44-W-10, to be worn thereafter by all WASP while on duty.



CLASS 43-W-1 and CLASS 43-W-2
Wings for classes 43-W-1 and 43-W-2 were identical, except for the class number on the shield. Both trained with the 319th Women's Flying Training Detachment in Houston. They were made by GEMCO.



CLASS 43-W-3
Wings for class 43-W-3 were pilot wings manufactured by Balford. The upper part of the original pilot shield was cut away and beveled, and the WASP class shield added.

WASP Wings recreated and donated by WAFM Audrey Donohue



CLASSES 43-W-4, 43-W-5, 43-W-6
Wings for these three classes were created from observer wings, as regulation pilot wings were no longer available. The observer shield was cut away, and the WASP scroll and class shield were then applied.



CLASS 43-W-7
Wings awarded to class 43-W-7 are once again pilot wings, but differ in that they measure 3-9/32" versus the regular 3" wings (wingtip to wingtip).



CLASS 43-W-8
Class 43-W-8 was scheduled to be awarded the first regulation, official WASP wings. When they failed to arrive, AMICO wings were found. In great haste, the center part of the pilot shield was partially cut away and the new WASP diamond superimposed.



CLASSES 44-W-1 THRU 44-W-10
Classes 44-W-1 through 44-W-10 received the new, official WASP wings. The diamond shaped shield is said to be the shape of the shield carried by the protector of the brave, the Greek Goddess of War, Athena.



WAFS
The women pilots in the Air Transport Command/Ferrying Division wore regulation AIC civilian pilot wings until official WASP wings were issued. The shield border is red and blue enamel, spelling out "A.I.C." in Morse code.



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Artifacts from the Collections of:

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- WASP Leta Hines Bishop
- WASP Mary Reinaberg Burcheid
- WASP Sylvia Darvins Clayton
- WASP Marie Elizabeth Cook
- WASP Dorothea Jacqueline Collins
- WASP Charlyne Cress
- WASP Ethel Mayne Eddy
- WASP Betty F. Farnight
- WASP Betty Bradley Gough
- WASP Mary Hall Halberg
- WASP Ann Wella Locke
- WASP Dorothy Susan Lewis
- WASP Paula Loomis
- WASP Christine Bishop Parish
- WASP Anita Paul
- WASP Mary Ruth Ramey
- WASP Florence Shirley Reynolds
- WASP Florence Reardon
- WASP Mildred Reardon
- WASP Mary Jo Farrow Tilton
- WASP Doris Ingrid Tracy
- WASP Harvey Veal
- WASP Virginia Yarns





